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In the afternoon of 13 May 1953, elements of Units 1 and 2 stationed in the Loewen Kaserne in Doeberitz launched a practice attack with infantry weapons against the installation, which was defended by other elements of the units. On 5 and 12 May, about 500 troops of Unit 1 marched out. On 11 May, an arms inspection was held with Unit 1, during which the following weapons and vehicles were observed: 34 T-34/85 tanks, 5 JSU-152 guns and, in building No 20, 78 122-mm mortars; 30 new trucks on blocks, 18 x 57-mm and 18 x 76.2-mm AT guns, and 6 x 120-mm mortars. On 7 May, an arms inspection was held with Unit 2, during which 26 tanks with JS chassis and Nos between 27 and 87, 5 JSU-122 guns with Nos between 172 and 182, and at least 2 T-34 tanks were observed. On 11 May, 4 BA-64 armored scout cars and 4 armored personnel carriers mounting machine guns on tripods were seen leaving the Adler Kaserne. On 8 May, about 150 troops from Neues Lager were practicing on four sights and range finders on Spiegelberg (hill). A biplane was used as a target.

Comment. With the designations Unit 1 and Unit 2 source refers to the 19th Mecz Regt and the 72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 1st Mecz Div respectively, which are confirmed in the Loewen Kaserne until 13 May. The arms inspection of the last mentioned regiment involved only part of the armored vehicles assigned to this unit.

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